



First Mennonite Church

Midweek E-Newsletter

May 10, 2023

To All Brothers and Sisters In Christ:

Next Steps in our Journey

Latest leadership plans and decisions

- Worship plans:
 - This coming Sunday, Aleen will be giving us an adaptation of her commencement address at Tabor College.
 - Ascension Day is coming on May 18th. We will be observing this at our May 21st worship service.
 - Pentecost celebration on May 28.

Verse for Pondering:

Jeremiah 17:7 - "But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him."

Among Our Friends and In Our Prayers

[Please send a text or email to the church secretary if you have something to share!]

- Pray for one another through our church directory.
- Pray for those with **surgery scheduled**.
- Pray for those with continuing **health concerns**.

- Pray for our **teachers and students**. They are on the final countdown until summer break! (I'm quite confident you can get the exact count from one of our teachers. 🤖)
- A **graduation reception** will be held from noon to 3:00 p.m. this coming Saturday in our Fellowship Hall before commencement at 4:00 p.m. at the high school.
- Pray for FMC as we search for **interim and transitional pastors** along with other WDC congregations with this same need. Pray also as we all are seeking creative ways to meet and serve our neighbors.“

Upcoming Events

- **Special offering** on Sunday for Hesston and Bethel Colleges.
- **Worship Committee** meets Monday, May 15 at 1:30 p.m.
- **Youth Group** will celebrate seniors in high school on Thursday, May 11, having supper and playing pickleball at Chicken N Pickle in Wichita.
- **Food4Kids** begins on Tuesday, May 30. Volunteers start prepping in the kitchen at 10:45 a.m. More help is needed on Mondays and Fridays.
- **FMC Faspa Fellowship** is coming next month - June 25 at Sue Buchholz's home.

Other Announcements

- **Bethel College commencement** weekend is Sat.-Sun., May 13-14. Events: Nurse Pinning Ceremony, 2 p.m., May 13, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center; Baccalaureate, 10 a.m., and Commencement, 4 p.m., May 14, both in Memorial Hall.
- Thurs.-Sat., May 18-20 – **Pop-up exhibit, “Mennonites in East Germany,”** *Kauffman Museum* (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117); hours are 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays, 1:30-4:30 p.m. weekends. Sat., May 20 – Pastor Bernhard Thiessen from the University of Hamburg will speak on “Mennonite Peace Efforts Under Communist Observation,” 4 p.m. *in the museum auditorium.*
- Wondering about our connection to **Mennonite Church USA**? Here is a letter from the executive director to help you become more informed!

To: Congregations of Mennonite Church USA

I am writing to urge you to attend the upcoming 2023 Biennial Delegate Assembly and MennoCon23 in Kansas City, Missouri. These two events represent a unique opportunity for us to come together as Mennonites, connect, and make important decisions that will shape the future of our church. Here are some [frequently asked questions](#) about the Delegate Assembly.

The MennoCon23 gathering, which will take place from July 3-6, promises to be an exciting and inspiring event. It is a chance for us to worship together, learn from each other, and engage in meaningful conversations about the issues that matter most to us. Delegates are encouraged to attend and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Following MennoCon23, the 2023 Biennial Delegate Assembly will be held on July 7-8. The agenda can be found [here](#). Delegates will have the chance to process and vote on several [resolutions](#) and [proposed changes to the MC USA bylaws](#). The [delegate website](#) is a valuable resource that contains a wealth of information on the proposed bylaw changes and the resolutions that will be discussed and voted on during the assembly.

If you have any questions, contact Shelley Buller, Executive Assistant for Mennonite Church USA, at 316-281-4257 or: ShelleyB@MennoniteUSA.org

Please make every effort to attend, and stay informed by regularly checking the delegate website at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/2023-delegate-assembly-resources/>

Sincerely,

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Mennonite Church USA